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Jolmac Club is 'last' chance

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After reading a story in the paper about a Tontine Club in Europe in 1967, Donald Scott of the Sycamore Agency and a group of his young business friends got together and formed the Jolmac Club, which means the Jolly Last Man's Club.

His brother-in-law, attorney David Haynes, and a group of his friends started a similar club called the Societas Extremi (Society of Last Man) in 1981.

Both clubs are based on the Tontine scheme started by an Italian banker in France in 1653. It is a financial arrangement whereby a group of participants share various advantages under the terms that upon the death or default of any member, his advantages are distributed among the remaining members.

Upon the death of all but one, the whole goes to him, or on the expiration of an agreed period, the whole goes to those remaining.

Each of the members of the Jolmac Club contributes \$5 at each meeting, this money deposited in an account in the name of the club. Now more than \$4,000 is in the fund. The last living member will get the money.

The club was organized Oct. 13, 1967, at a meeting in the Roma Restaurant in Clinton. There were

29 charter members, but now only 16 remain. None have died but some have dropped out or moved away and become inactive. The men are between 35 and 45 years old.

The club meets the first Friday the 13th each year. Meetings are conducted at various places and in 1978 members went to Las Vegas for several days for their meeting. The men wear red blazers at meetings. The next meeting will be Friday, Sept. 13.

The president presides at a short business meeting after dinner and he arranges the program. There is always a lot of good-natured kidding about members' health, about disregard for superstitions, about illness and death. A casket was on display at one meeting and Patrick J. Ryan of Patrick J. Ryan Funeral Home Inc., was the speaker at another meeting.

Patrick O'Leary, former president of the Terre Haute Concrete Co., is president this year. Other officers are Robert F. Scott, Sycamore Agency Inc., vice president; Dr. J.P. Farmer, a dentist, secretary; David Dunbar, Valley Federal Savings Bank, treasurer; and Dan Leckrome, an attorney now living in California, coroner.

Leckrome usually travels from California for the meetings.

Other members are Warner Paige III, Paige's Music Store; Herm Russell, Herm Russell Clothiers; Drs. John L. Nichols and Carl McKee, dentists; Donald Scott

and his brother Robert F. Scott, and Douglas A. Grim, all of Sycamore Agency; Lucien Meis, Meis of Illiana Inc.; Thomas Templeton, Templeton Coal Co. Inc.; Fred Rubey, Terre Haute First National Bank; Robert Redman, Redman Farms at Dana, and Robert Wiemuth, Wiemuth and Sons Co. Inc.

David Haynes has been president of the Societas Extremi since its organization by 40 young businessmen in March 1981. Four dropped out at the end of the first year but the 36 remaining are still active. None have died.

Jack Margason, Valley Federal Savings Bank, is treasurer and Charles Williams, Williams Advertising Co., secretary.

Most members are former fraternity brothers from Alpha Tau Omega at Indiana State University. Their ages range from 31 to 45.

The financial arrangement of this club is different from that of the Jolmac Club. Each member pays annual dues of \$40 at the regular meeting the first Friday the 13th of the year. Of this, \$10 is put in the pot for a perpetual fund to go to the last living member. The other \$30 is used for dinner-meeting costs, and if any money is left over it is kept as the nucleus of a separate party fund.

Most meetings are in the Spring Brook Rod and Gun Club, but occasionally another site is selected. Each member wears a club white softball cap with green

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Jolmac Ladt Man's Club

Enjoying last meeting are club members, front row from the left, Douglas Grim, Thomas Templeton, Donald Scott, Herm Russell, J.P. Farmer and Pat O'Leary. Back row are Fred

Ruby, Robert Scott, Robert Wiemuth, Warner Paige III, Dr. John L. Nichols, Dr. Carl McKee and Robert Redman.

and gold coat of arms on it. The green stands for life and the gold for money.

A one-page ritual is presented with each member reading one line of it. A social evening follows.

Eight members of this club no longer live in Terre Haute but usually attend the annual meetings. They are Steve Nichols, with the Philadelphia National Bank in London; David Stinnett, an agent with Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Evansville; Pat Chaney, in graphic arts and design in Chicago; Robert Zwerner, in medical research in Birmingham, Ala.; attorney Robert Wood, Danville, Ind.; Thomas Knuppel, with

Chase Manhattan Bank in Glen Rock, N.J.; Joe Dunbar, attorney and CPA in Indianapolis, and William Evans, a high-school coach in Lawrenceville, Ill.

Other members are Tom Reck, sports editor of The Tribune-Star; Robert All, a teacher; attorneys Arnold Bramas and James Bopp; Robert Baesler, Baesler's Market; Mike Mardis, CPA; John Woelfle, Merchants National Bank; Thomas Templeton, Templeton Coal Co.; Neil Marchese, Wabash Fibre Box Co.; John and Thomas Newlin, Newlin-Johnson Realtors; John Newton, ISU director of alumni affairs; Joseph Newton, firefighter and contractor; Dan Newton,

millwright at Pfizer Co.; Dr. Paul Zwerner, dentist; Ken Williams, Terre Haute Engraving Co.; Russ Williams, Roche Laboratories; William Merrill, Merrill and Merrill, Insurance; John Caldwell, Caldwell Electric Co.; Greg James, insurance adjuster; Greg Kluesner, IBM Co.; Ron Readinger, Public Service Indiana; Thomas Dinkel, Sycamore Engineering Co.; Mike Grimes, Benchmark Metals, and Roger McDonald, Gibson Coal and Trucking Co.

Although other groups have formed Last Man's Clubs in Terre Haute, all of the others are composed of military men.



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Committee chairmen

Appointed committee chairmen for the Junior Department Club are (first row) Cathy McCalister, Diane Whitworth and Holly Redlin;

(second row) Laura Boring, Stephanie Thompson, Angie Lucas, Dottie Daigle and Stacey Michael.



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Leaders

New officers of the Junior Department Club are Jackie Nuval, treasurer; Loree Gabey, president; and Molly Hoffman secretary. Tonia Parker is vice president.

Junior Department Club ready for another year

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Loree Gabey is president of the Junior Department Club this year.

Other officers are Tonia Parker, vice president; Molly Hoffman, secretary; and Jackie Nuval, treasurer.

Committee chairmen are Stacey Michael, telephone; Dottie Daigle, hospitality; Diane Whitworth, publicity; Laura Boring, welcoming; Holly Redlin, dance; Cathy McCalister, ways and means; Stephanie Thompson, scrapbook; and Angie Lucas, community service.

Co-chairmen are Jyoti Patel, telephone; Peggy Carney, hospitality; Kris Williams,

publicity; Anne Templeton, welcoming; Janet Carney, dance; Anne Decker, ways and means; Rachel Luttrell, scrapbook; and Jenny Rubey, community service.

Mrs. J. Robert Cabey, Mrs. Dennis Michael and Ruth Tillet are advisors for the club.

Programs and events include:

- Slumber party, car wash and new member drive at 7 p.m. Sept. 27.
- Mother-daughter style show at 2 p.m. Oct. 6.
- Debs cotillion tea at 2 p.m. Oct. 20.
- Slumber party and UNICEF collection at

6 p.m. Oct. 26.

- "Self Defense" at 1:45 p.m. Nov. 2.
- Maids' pizza party from 1 to 3 p.m., Nov. 10.
- Debs' pizza party from 1 to 3 p.m. Nov. 17.
- Cotillion rehearsal (mandatory) from 2 to 5 p.m. Nov. 24.
- Cotillion at 8 p.m. Nov. 29.
- "Decorate the Clubhouse" from 4 to 6 p.m. Dec. 8.
- "All Department Day at the Clubhouse" Dec. 14.
- Christmas disco at 7 p.m. Dec. 19.

- Swimming at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 11.
- Cooking at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 1; also, Community Theater.
- Winter disco at 8 p.m. Feb. 8.
- "Storybook Live" March 1.
- Meeting at the Briarpatch at 10:30 a.m. April 12.
- Renaissance Faire at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College April 12.
- Cater for Chamber of Commerce dinner April 12.
- Spring disco at 8 p.m. April 19.
- Mother-daughter luncheon at 1:45 p.m. May 3.

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Cotillion committee

Members of the Junior Department Club and their mothers were entertained recently at the Mother-Daughter Tea by members of the cotillion committee. Members are (seated)

Camilla Carbon, Wanda Gabey, Mary Jo Parker, Ruth Tillett, (standing) Dru Adams, Penny Redlin, Jan Michael, Marylou Hoffman, Alice Senseman and Kathleen Patterson.

Junior Department Club to present 18 new members at Nov. 29 cotillion

Eighteen members of the Junior Department Club will be presented during the 27th annual cotillion Nov. 29.

The event will take place in LeFer Hall on the campus of St. Mary-of-the-Woods College.

Presented at the cotillion will be

Stacy Adams, Susan Bringman, Bonnie Causey, Loree Gabey, Andrea Goodyear, Molly Hoffman, Kathy Johnson, Angie Lucas, Cathy McAllister, Jackie Nuvall, Jonia Parker, Holly Redlin, Laura Shake, Stacy Shimer, Chris Tegtmeier, Stephanie Thompson,

Diane Whitworth and Karen Rose.

Patron tickets may be obtained by contacting Dru Adams, 299-9358.

The cotillion is open to the public. Tickets will be available at the door.

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Ginny Babcock Elected National Queen of JA's

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GINNY BABCOCK

Tears of joy streamed down the pretty face of 18-year-old Ginny Babcock, Wednesday night, as she was crowned National Miss Junior Achievement for 1968-69.

The honor graduate of Honey Creek High School was selected to represent American youth from a group of five finalists, before a crowd of 2,400 JA delegates attending the national conference on the Indiana University campus.

She will carry the title through Junior Achievement's 50th Anniversary Year and, according to Lloyd Wessel, executive director of the local JA program, will represent the American program in visits to foreign countries during her reign. She will be guest of honor at a ball in New York City, later this year, will appear on national television programs and will be featured in at least 15 magazines, according to Wessel.

Last year's winner, Donna Stone from Atlanta, Ga., crowned her, Wednesday night. Four of the most excited people in the entire audience were her parents, Dr. and Mrs. William E. Babcock, 87 Allendale Place and Mr. and Mrs. Wessel.

Miss Babcock accepted her regal robes, attired in a light pink brocaded ball gown. She told the delegates "I just cannot believe it" when she was announced winner. She thanked them all for being so enthusi-

astic and "keeping us going throughout the competition."

She will be flown back to Terre Haute Friday and when she arrives at Hulman Airport at 3:45 p.m., a public reception has been planned, according to Wessel.

Her first duty as National Miss JA will be to be guest of honor at a ball in New York City, this fall. She will receive an all expense paid trip to the city as part of her winnings, along with a \$250 scholarship.

She was one of 185 girls entered in the contest. All were tested on their general knowledge of business and economics and 21 girls remained in competition. The next phase of the contest included selections based on beauty, poise and personality. The final five were selected following personal interviews and the winner selected by a panel of judges.

Miss Babcock is enrolled at Purdue University, where she will major in speech therapy.

She has participated in JA for two years and was president of her company, JERICO, advised by Hulman and Company.

She has been active in school functions and was named County DAR winner and won first place in the Elks leadership contest and second place in the "Most Valuable Student" contest.

Peggy Kinney, Schulte High School, remains in competition for Vice President of Sales title at the Junior Achievement Conference. Winners will be selected Thursday and the conference will end Friday.

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